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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants	Michael Strobel, et al.
Serial No. 09/745,960	Filing Date: December 22, 2000
Title of Application:	A Screw For Medical Purposes And A Driving Tool
Confirmation No. 8504	Art Unit: 3743
Examiner	Kathryn Ferko

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Response Transmittal and
Petition For Time Extension (37 CFR 1.136(A))

Dear Sir:

1. This is a petition for an extension of the time for a total period of One months to respond to the Office Letter mailed on July 8, 2003.
2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.
3. Applicant is a small entity. A verified statement has been filed.
4. Calculation of extension fee (37 CFR 1.17). \$110.00 Extension Fee is due with this request.

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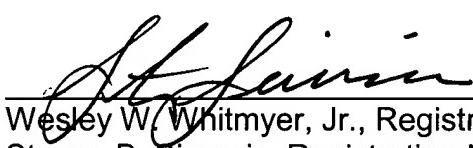
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Time Extension Request

5. Fee Payment. Attached is a check in the sum of \$.00. This is also a petition and a request to charge to Account No. 19-4516 for any additional extension and/or fee as may be required or credit for any excess fee paid.

Respectfully submitted,

November 7, 2003



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Response to Official Action

In response to the Official Action of July 8, 2003, Applicants herewith present its amendment and remarks. Please amend the specification and claims as detailed below.

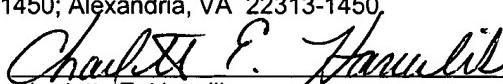
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